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A young dancer takes part in the youth drum competition during the University of Saskatchewan graduation powwow. Students and their families gathered at the university Wednesday to celebrate the province's First Nations, Métis and Inuit students graduating from high school or university.

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Liquor reform could be on the agenda in 2016

Election. Premier says he wants to hear from the public about the future of alcohol sales in Saskatchewan

MARCO VIGLIOTTI
Metro in Regina

Premier Brad Wall says his government could move forward with changes to Saskatchewan's liquor laws — including privatizing provincially owned stores — if he receives a clear mandate to do so from voters in the next general election.

The opposition New Democrats, however, charge that the premier is waffling on the future of Crown liquor stores, and they accuse him of leaning toward a "privatization agenda."

Wall's comments came after he told a Regina radio program on Tuesday that the governing Saskatchewan Party's platform for the next election in 2016 might include a plan to change the province's liquor regulatory scheme if substantial support is identified through consultations with voters.

"I'm going to ask our MLAs this summer to be listening to the Saskatchewan people about what they want in terms of the future (of) liquor sales in the province," Wall told reporters on Wednesday at the legislature, adding that he wants to "find out if people are interested in … more private stores and if we get a sense of that's the case, we may possibly campaign on that in the next election."

Wall claims that all options are on the table during the consultation period, including maintaining the status quo, in which Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority retail outlets co-exist with private-sector counterparts.

Cathy Sproule, NDP critic for the SLGA, wants the premier to be more forthright with what he has planned for the remaining government-owned stores.

"We're not even really sure of what his plan is because he just seems so tentative," Sproule told Metro, adding that Wall's comments suggest he is leaning toward privatization.

Provincial liquor stores, Sproule stressed, generate significant revenue for the government.

The Saskatchewan Party government previously said it will not build additional liquor stores. Rather, private-sector retailers will operate new outlets.

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Big health regions miss goal for surgery waits

Saskatoon and Regina Qu'Appelle. Province makes great strides in overall wait reduction

Saskatchewan says the number of patients waiting more than three months for surgery is down 75 per cent since 2010, but there are still delays in the two biggest health regions.

Health Minister Dustin Duncan said there were nearly 12,000 fewer patients waiting that long for surgery this past March than in March 2010. He says between January and March of this year, nearly 81 per cent of patients had their surgery within three months of being referred.

"The progress has been nothing short of remarkable in four years," Duncan said on Wednesday.

The province said pooling referrals has shortened the time patients wait to see a specialist. That means patients have the option of seeing the first available specialist or waiting to see one they prefer.

There has also been more use of private clinics.

Task continues

"As hard as it has been to get to the three-month wait, I think the next big challenge is going to be to maintain that." Health Minister Dustin Duncan

The numbers are in a report on the final year of a four-year initiative in which the government promised that no one would have to wait longer than 12 weeks for surgery by March 2014.

However, the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region has said it will need another year to meet the goal, and the Saskatoon Health Region said it will take until late this year.

"It's a little bit disappointing that Regina and Saskatoon didn't meet the three-months (target)," Duncan said.

The next step, Duncan says, is maintenance.

"I think this will have been a lost opportunity if we see the system backsliding," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Protesters show their contempt for Cameco at annual meeting

Candyce Paul, an organizer of a demonstration outside Cameco's annual general meeting, heckles attendees at the corporation's Saskatoon headquarters on Wednesday. She believes mining uranium is harmful to the health, environment and general well-being of northern people, including those in her home community of English River First Nation. Approximately 20 protesters showed up for the event. For more on this story and footage of the rally, visit metronews.ca. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

To free the children, you have to teach the children

Education. We Create Change Tour gets Saskatchewan excited about making a difference for kids in developing communities

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Spencer West believes that teaching kids in Canada about the struggles of their fellow youth overseas can bring about a better world.

The Free the Children ambassador is driving across the country and visiting 90 locations — including Moose Jaw and Saskatoon — on the charity organization's 10-week We Create Change Tour.

"Our goal is to build 200 more schools in developing communities," said West, who lost both legs to a genetic disorder at the age of five and now inspires audiences as a motivational speaker with the Me to We social enterprise.

"And the second piece of the tour is just to thank the students for the work they've been doing both locally and globally."

While the message is the same for every stop, West said the programming is tailored to the achievements of each place.

PotashCorp in Saskatoon was recognized this week for its continued support, as was Westmount Elementary School in Moose Jaw for raising more than $10,000 to build a school in Kenya.

And West has seen firsthand during his travels why this is so necessary.

"The schools these kids are going to are literally crumbling," he said. "So to be able to change that is the whole reason for the tour."

West added that internationally, 57 million children are denied access to education and there are 123 million illiterate students.

"To me, that's massive," he said.

Last September, said West, Free the Children launched the Year of Education initiative to help alleviate this overwhelming problem and give people "the knowledge of what's going on (so) they can create change right here."

The We Create Change Tour stopped in Moose Jaw on Tuesday to visit Westmount Elementary School, where students raised more than $10,000 to build a school in Kenya. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

One easy way to do this, he said, is through contributing to the We Create Change coin drive.

RBC and Ford are the title sponsors for the We Create Change Tour, which also features such guests as 11-year-old blogger Hannah Alper and rock band Neverest.

Second arrest made in ATM technician's slaying

RCMP in Saskatchewan have made a second arrest in the slaying of an ATM technician more than four years ago.

Roger Byer, 57, was last seen on Jan. 20, 2010, in Melfort, where he was working on an automated-teller machine.

His body was found in April 2010 at an abandoned farm yard between Yellow Creek and Mescanaw. An autopsy determined that his death was a homicide.

A suspect was charged last week with first-degree murder, and another man has since been arrested.

Dwight Windrum of Moose Jaw faces charges of accessory after the fact to murder and weapons trafficking.

Windrum, 56, appeared in court in Saskatoon on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Daniel Smith, 57, appeared in provincial court in Melfort on the murder charge. The case was put over to June 24.

Earlier this month, police asked the public for help in finding a black, heavy-duty work truck that was in the rural area where Byer had disappeared.

Mounties said the vehicle has been seized and is considered evidence.

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Fontana defends himself on stand at fraud trial

'Stupid' mistake.
RCMP charged London, Ont., mayor because they believe he was trying to skim $1,700 from public purse

SCOTT TAYLOR
Metro in London, Ont.

London, Ont., Mayor Joe Fontana walks to court Wednesday, Day 3 of his trial. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The judge presiding over the criminal trial of London, Ont., Mayor Joe Fontana has given the defence reason to believe that its case has made an impression.

After testimony ended Wednesday, Superior Court Justice Bruce Thomas told both sides to be prepared to focus their final submissions on only one of the three charges Fontana is facing.

Fontana is charged with fraud under $5,000, breach of trust by a public official and uttering forged documents in connection with a $1,700 cheque from Public Works Canada.

The Crown alleges he intended to pocket the money to make up for a deposit he paid on his son's June 2005 wedding reception at the Marconi Club.

But Thomas said on Wednesday that, should he accept the defence's argument that Fontana made a self-admitted "stupid" mistake and had no criminal intent, both sides should be prepared to argue whether Fontana forged a document.

Defence witnesses corroborated Fontana's story.

When Fontana testified in his own defence, he denied Assistant Crown Attorney Tim Zuber's accusation that he was trying to fool Ottawa bureaucrats into reimbursing him

The case wrap ups Thursday.

New crew off to space station

In this photo the Soyuz-FG rocket booster with the Soyuz TMA-13M space ship blasts off at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The Soyuz booster rocket lifted off as scheduled at 1:57 a.m., local time, on Thursday, carrying a new crew to the International Space Station.
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Somalia

Female soldiers joining the army

It's unusual to see a female in the military in traditionally conservative Somali society. But several determined women are joining the army.

Somali officials report female army recruits have increased following the ouster from the capital in 2011 of the Islamic extremist rebels of al-Shabab. According to estimates, about 1,500 women are now in the military of 20,000.
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U.S. policy

Drone strikes to continue: Obama

Barack Obama said Wednesday he will continue to "take direct action" by ordering drone strikes and capture operations on terrorists. But drone strikes will not occur unless there's "near certainty" civilians won't be harmed.
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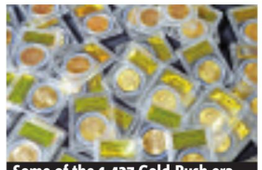
Buried treasure. Couple's gold coin find valued at $11M goes up for sale

A treasure trove of rare gold coins discovered by a California couple out walking their dog has gone on sale.

The coins date from 1847 to 1894 and have been valued at $11 million.

Several coins were auctioned at the Old San Francisco Mint Tuesday, and one of them — an 1874 $20 double eagle that is usually worth $4,250 — sold for $15,000.

Don Kagin, whose firm is handling the sale, says most of the remaining 1,400 coins had gone on sale on Amazon.com and Kagins.com.



Some of the 1,427 Gold-Rush era gold coins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The couple found the coins last year buried under the shadow of a tree on their rural property.

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Exotic manure

Zoo believes people will buy anything

A zoo in southern Michigan is selling a composted mixture of manure produced by exotic animals.

Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek will sell compost from herbivores at a "Zoo Doo" event Thursday and June 5 for $25 US a load to zoo members and $30 US for nonmembers.

Zebras, antelopes and giraffes are contributing to the gardening aid. Horticulturist Frank Cummins says the price is a deal, since cow manure can sell for around $3 US a bag.

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Mom, 4 kids live to tell tale of deer that fell on minivan

Vehicle totalled, but occupants survive. Witnesses saw doe jump from overpass onto van travelling at over 110 km/h

A suburban Chicago woman is grateful her family is safe after a 90-kilogram deer leapt from an overpass, landing on their minivan as it travelled along a highway.

Heidi Conner tells The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald that the doe came to rest in the middle of the family's Chevy on Sunday. She and her four children were travelling at over 110 km/h. She says the accident was bizarre, adding "nobody can believe this deer fell from the sky."

Illinois State Police say witnesses reported seeing the deer jump from an overpass onto the vehicle below.

Heidi Conner describes how a 90-kilogram deer leapt from an overpass and landed on her minivan as she and her four children travelled along an Illinois highway on Sunday. Conner says the accident totaled the van and caused minor injuries. DAILY HERALD, RICK WEST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conner says the crash totalled the van and caused minor injuries.

Police say the animal died.

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Sen. Romeo Dallaire resigning to focus on humanitarian causes

'An extraordinary Canadian.' Former UN commander in Rwanda will serve last day in the upper chamber on June 17

Liberal Sen. Romeo Dallaire, a career soldier best known in Canada as the former commander of the UN's ill-fated peacekeeping mission in Rwanda, is resigning — not retiring, he insists — from the upper chamber.

Dallaire's last day in the Senate will be June 17, after which he intends to focus attention on a growing portfolio of international humanitarian work, the square-jawed senator told a news conference Wednesday.

The decision has nothing to do with either the shadow of scandal that has loomed over the Senate for more than a year, or with the Rwandan-born post-traumatic stress disorder that has haunted him for 20 years, he said.

Rather, the 68-year-old Dallaire said he felt there simply wasn't enough time in his schedule to be a senator while also pursuing causes close to his heart that are related to defence and human rights in the international arena.

"I have an awful lot of work ahead of me, and it was important for me to leave at this point."

Dallaire said resigning has left him with a "torn heart" because his nine years in the Senate allowed him to champion issues including veterans and their families, a strong military to help ensure global peace, anti-terrorism, aboriginal rights and better intelligence oversight.

"I think it was a very useful instrument for me to advance things I believe in," he said.

While Dallaire's news came as a surprise, it was quickly followed by glowing praise from all political quarters.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper thanked the senator via Twitter for his service, Conservative Sen. Hugh Segal said he was "devastated" to hear of his colleague's decision, calling it "a huge loss," and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair called Dallaire "an extraordinary Canadian."

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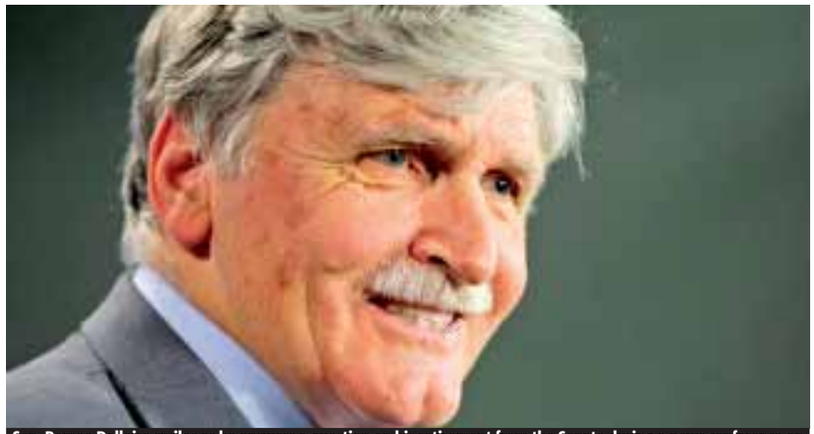

Sen. Romeo Dallaire smiles as he answers a question on his retirement from the Senate during a news conference on Parliament Hill on Wednesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Intelligence

Sen. Dallaire says trust committee with secrets

Sen. Romeo Dallaire says a fear of sensitive leaks is not a good reason to scrap the idea of a full-fledged national security committee of parliamentarians.

Dallaire said Wednesday that an all-party committee could be trusted to safeguard intelligence secrets.

Some MPs and senators say they cannot hold intelligence services fully to account because they lack clearance to see secret information.

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Sorry, that's not how you become a polar bear

Talk about an uncomfortable spot for a snooze. A black bear north of Shellbrook, Sask., decided to take a power nap atop a power pole last Friday after he escaped a pair of dogs. According to a SaskPower spokesperson, customer Tyler Hopson alerted the company to the animal, and crews were then dispatched to check out the bedtime bear. "It's kind of an unusual thing," the spokesman said. "He did manage to get down from the pole safely, and is not injured as far as we know and didn't do any damage to the pole or cause any sort of power outage." COURTESY SASKPOWER

Manitoba

Lodge owner sorry for brochure that says not to give alcohol to natives

The owner of a Manitoba fishing lodge apologized Wednesday for comments in his visitors guide that said aboriginals cannot handle alcohol.

"It was a total mistake and should not have been in there. It's an old trip planning guide that I've used for like 15 years and I had no idea that that was even in there," Brent Fleck of Laurie River Lodge said.

"I've issued an apology to the chief down in Pukatawagan and to the natives that work for me and … it's certainly not our opinion and not something that we want to forward in any way shape or form."

The lodge's Facebook page was filled with angry comments over a section of the brochure that warns guests not to give alcohol to aboriginal guides. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Maya Angelou dead at 86

Maya Angelou, a modern Renaissance woman who survived the harshest of childhoods to become a force on stage, screen, the printed page and the inaugural dais, died Wednesday, her son said. She was 86.

Angelou's son, Guy B. Johnson, said the writer died at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C., where she had been a professor of American studies at Wake Forest University since 1982.

Tall and regal, with a deep, majestic voice, Angelou defied all probability and category, becoming one of the first black women to enjoy mainstream success as an author and thriving in virtually every artistic medium.

The young single mother who worked at strip clubs to earn a living later wrote and recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history.

The childhood victim of rape wrote a million-selling memoir, befriended Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, and performed on stages around the world.

An actress, singer and dancer in the 1950s and 1960s, she broke through as an author in 1970 with I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, which became standard (and occasionally censored) reading, and was the first of a multi-part autobiography that continued through the decades. In 1993, she was a sensation reading her cautiously hopeful On the Pulse of the Morning at U.S. President Bill Clinton's first inauguration.

Maya Angelou in 2005 REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Her confident performance openly delighted Clinton and made the poem a bestseller, if not a critical favourite. For President George W. Bush, she read another poem, Amazing Peace, at the 2005 Christmas tree-lighting ceremony at the White House.

She was a mentor to Oprah Winfrey, whom she befriended when Winfrey was still a local television reporter, and often appeared on her friend's talk show.

She mastered several languages and published not just poetry, but advice books, cookbooks and children's stories. She wrote music, plays and screenplays, received an Emmy nomination for her acting in the 1977 miniseries Roots, and never lost her passion for dance, the art she considered closest to poetry.

Her very name as an adult was a reinvention. Angelou was born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis and raised in Stamps, Ark., and San Francisco, moving back and forth between her parents and her grandmother.

At age nine, she was writing poetry. By 17, she was a single mother. In her early 20s, she danced at a strip joint, ran a brothel, was married and then divorced. By her mid-20s, she was performing in San Francisco.

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Cancer survivor Caitlin Jones was an avid indoor tanner until she discovered at age 23 that a spot on her forehead was basel cell carcinoma. CHRIS YOUNG/CANADIAN PRESS

Skin-cancer survivors say threat is real

Take cover.
Though the incidence of some cancers is declining, melanoma cases are on the rise

Ian Anderson is one of the 2.5 per cent.

After his first diagnosis of melanoma, the Brampton, Ont., man was told that without immediate treatment he would be dead within two months. After his second, he was informed that if 100 people were in his shoes, 97.5 would not make it to the five-year mark, the standard measuring stick for beating a cancer.

Nineteen years after the second occurrence, Anderson, now 56, is still around to tell the tale — in his ever-present hat and sunscreen, which he slathers on religiously.

"I'm living proof that it can happen," says Anderson, who now counsels people diagnosed with melanoma.

Anderson's story is one of optimism — but also of reality. While he's living proof some lucky people can survive Stage 4 melanoma, he is also confirmation that people who don't take sun precautions can develop the more-often deadly disease.

Another survivor, Caitlin Jones, was an avid indoor tanner — until she discovered at age 23 that a spot on her forehead just below her hair line was basel cell carcinoma, which constitutes about four out of five non-melanoma skin cancers.

Jones had surgery to remove a quarter-sized piece of skin to excise the cancer — a procedure that altered her view on tanning. She notes that around the same time some of her friends' parents were also dealing with skin cancers.

The Canadian Cancer Society worries that more people will hear the kinds of frightening diagnoses Anderson and Jones did in the future. That's because skin cancers — particularly the most deadly kind, melanoma — are the most common kinds of cancers in Canada. And whereas the rates of some cancers are actually going down, melanoma cases are on the rise, in both women and men.

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By the numbers

Some estimates about cancer in Canada this year:

- **6,500.** Number of new melanoma cases. Of those, 1,050 Canadians will die from this form of cancer.
- **191,300.** Number of new overall cancer diagnoses. Of those, 76,600 Canadians will die from some sort of cancer.

Lower IQ in children linked to common household chemicals

Researchers in B.C. say lower IQ and greater hyperactivity in young children appears to be significantly linked to a woman's exposure to flame retardants during early pregnancy.

The Simon Fraser University study found there's an association between women being exposed to a 10-fold increase of certain chemicals when their baby's brain is developing and a 4.5-point drop in the standard measure of intelligence.

The chemicals of concern are polybrominated diphenyl ethers, known as PBDEs, which have been widely used to prevent the spread of fire in furniture, carpet padding and car seats.

Researcher and health sciences Prof. Bruce Lanphear says North Americans are likely exposed to higher amounts of PBDEs than people in other parts of the world, and it could take decades to flush the chemicals from their environments.

The study suggests the impact of the chemicals is comparable to exposure to lead, which was once used in various products including paint and pipes in homes and offices.

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Reunion. Congolese kids back in the arms of their Italian adoptive parents

Thirty-one children who had been blocked for months from leaving Congo with their adoptive parents arrived in Rome on Wednesday aboard an Italian government plane for a joyful, long-delayed reunion with their new families.

The children ran excitedly into their parents' arms at Ciampino airport after an overnight flight from the western African nation. Congo suspended all international adoptions last year, citing fears some children might later have been trafficked. None of the allegations involved adoptions by Italians, and Italy's premier personally intervened in the case.

Maria Elena Boschi, an Italian government minister who accompanied the children from Congo, said "they went crazy when, from the plane's windows, they spotted their parents" waiting on the tarmac.

The mother of two of the children, girls ages seven and nine, was ecstatic. "Happiness, happiness. I saw my two children. I kissed them and I hugged them," said Laura Mancinelli.

The parents were forced to leave Congo without their children when their visas expired, after spending months there waiting for final paperwork and hoping for a policy change from the Congolese government. The children stayed behind in the care of Italian nuns.

Boschi sported a braid woven into her hair by one of the girls during the flight. She said all the children are healthy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congolese children are welcomed by their Italian adoptive relatives as they disembark after landing from Kinshasa at Ciampino's military airport, on the outskirts of Rome on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sara Schulz, who is eight months pregnant and World Vision's child health policy adviser, helps to set up a striking display in downtown Toronto, Wednesday, to urge world leaders to focus on the millions of "invisible" children and women who die each year of preventable causes. WORLD VISION CANADA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

UNICEF chief says Canada delivers

Maternal health summit. UN Children's Fund head lauds courage of Nigerian schoolgirls as conference opens

Efforts to improve the health of newborns and their mothers in poor countries must also include protecting them from violence, such as the terror caused by Boko Haram in Nigeria, says the head of the UN Children's Fund.

UNICEF chief Anthony Lake offered that assessment in an interview Wednesday with The Canadian Press prior to the opening of Stephen Harper's international conference on maternal, newborn and child health.

Lake lauded the prime minister's leadership in helping children and mothers in developing countries as he heaped praise on the courage of the teenage girls kidnapped by Boko Haram in northern Nigeria.

He said he would raise his concerns about child protection in a private meeting later Wednesday with Harper's international development minister, Christian Paradis.

As for Harper, Lake said: "He has led the way on this and Canada has delivered and is delivering, again 80 per cent of its commitment at Muskoka."

Harper unveiled the Muskoka Initiative at the G8 summit Canada hosted in 2010, and it has become the government's signature development priority. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Threat to girls' education

Kidnapping highlights larger issue

The Boko Haram kidnapping was on the minds of many at the three-day summit on maternal and child health.

Anthony Lake, head of the UN Children's Fund, said the Nigerian kidnapping draws attention to one of the underlying causes of the health threats faced by young mothers and girls in impoverished, war-torn countries: the importance of overcoming the threat to girls' education posed by militant groups. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Activists take new aim in climate change fight

Environmental groups have fired legal warning shots at major energy companies over their alleged role in funding climate change denial and blocking climate-friendly legislation.

Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund have sent letters to international and Canadian companies asking how they manage public communication on climate change.

They say spreading misinformation could leave company officers open to legal liability.

Keith Stewart of Greenpeace Canada says the letters are the first step in a long-term campaign to use the law to prevent the energy industry from delaying action on climate change.

He says the strategy was inspired by the ultimately successful campaign to make tobacco companies liable for sowing doubt about the health effects of their products.

The letter has been sent to five Canadian companies: Suncor, Talisman Energy, Husky Energy, EnCana and Canadian Natural Resources.

It has also gone out to 45 multinationals, including many with operations or subsidiaries in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investors could be chanting olé, olé

Goldman Sachs report. Stocks of the World Cup winner outperform the global market ... in the month after the win

Enjoy it while it lasts: Investors had as much to celebrate as Spanish soccer fans after the country's World Cup win against the Netherlands in 2010, but market gains for winning nations tend to be short-lived. ARTURO RODRIGUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Winning the soccer World Cup can bring instant rewards to that country's stock market investors. But they better be quick as the post-victory rally doesn't last long.

That's the conclusion of investment bank Goldman Sachs, which published a wide-ranging report on the World Cup and its economic impact.

Goldman Sachs analysts found "a clear pattern of outperformance by the winning team in the weeks after the World Cup final." On average, the victorious country's stocks outperform the global market by 3.5 per cent in the first month, the investment bank's strategy team said.

The conclusions are based on statistics since 1974, when West Germany beat the Netherlands, and appear to be fairly consistent over time. Only Brazil failed to outperform after its win in 2002, largely because the football-mad nation was consumed by recession and a currency crisis.

"In the absence of a severe economic crisis, the winner tends to enjoy the spoils of success in the markets for a brief period at least," Peter Oppenheimer, Goldman Sachs' chief global equity strategist, said in the report published late Tuesday.

A notable exception was Spain, whose stock market rallied 5.7 per cent in the month after the national team won in 2010 its first World Cup — even though the country, along with many of its peers in Europe, was in the midst of an economic and financial crisis.

Investors should be careful, however, not to think that such euphoria will yield longer-lasting gains.

"Sentiment can only take you so far, in markets at least — the winning nation doesn't tend to hold on to its gains and, on average, sees its stock market underperform by around 4 per cent over the year following the final," Oppenheimer said. "The message seems to be: enjoy the gains while they last."

For the country that loses the final, Goldman Sachs found a more modest outperformance of 2 per cent in the first month as the runners-up "seem to experience a post-final bout of the blues."

However, Goldman Sachs found that figure is heavily skewed by the fact that Argentina enjoyed a 33 per cent outperformance in the month after it lost the 1990 World Cup final to Germany as it was recovering from a prior stock market collapse and currency devaluation. Aside from this, Goldman Sachs found that seven of the nine losing finalists underperformed by 1.4 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

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91.95¢ (-0.12¢)

TSX
14,610.96 (-47.06)

OIL
$102.72 US (-$1.39)

GOLD
$1,259.30 US (-$6.20)

Natural gas: $4.60 US (+$0.10)
Dow Jones: 16,633.18 (-42.32)

Valeant Pharmaceuticals

Quebec company ups its bid price for Botox maker

Valeant Pharmaceuticals increased its hostile offer to buy Botox-maker Allergan on Wednesday and threatened to bypass the board by taking it directly to shareholders.

However analysts suggested, Valeant may have to raise its offer again.
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The future is now

Here is a very early version of Google's prototype self-driving car. It will have no steering wheel. It doesn't need one because it drives itself. The two-seater won't be sold publicly, but Google said Tuesday it hopes by this time next year, 100 prototypes will be on public roads. GOOGLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CEO of Exxon Mobil

'Business as usual' in Russia despite sanctions: Exxon

The CEO of Exxon Mobil says U.S. sanctions against Russian officials are having no effect on his company's activities there.

Rex Tillerson also says that he is skeptical of sanctions and has discussed his view with U.S. government officials. Tillerson made the comments Wednesday after Exxon Mobil Corp.'s annual meeting.

U.S. sanctions over Russia's annexation of Crimea have targeted the president of Russia's largest oil company, Rosneft, but not the company itself. Exxon has an exploration and production agreement with Rosneft in the Russian arctic and Siberia.

"There has been no impact on any of our business activities in Russia to this point," with Rosneft, Tillerson told reporters.
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WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD?

HE SAYS
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Is the world getting better or worse?

It's a question that's been debated for decades by a diverse array of middle-aged white men with post-secondary educations. Happy that my people are getting a voice, I've given the issue a lot of thought myself.

I'm torn. On one hand, the world sucks; on the other, it sucks to a lesser magnitude than any time since the Space Odyssey monolith taught us how to brain our fellow monkeys.

The world feels like it's getting worse, but that's just human nature. It's the same phenomenon that allows us to believe that every generation but our own is the one destroying the Earth.

When we were young, we convinced ourselves that our generation was the most hard-done-by ever, which is why the peace and prosperity of the early 1990s still managed to produce teens sulking to Nirvana and Smashing Pumpkins. Then we got older and convinced ourselves that young people were out of control. I'm reaching the age where friends talk about "the teens on the bus" or "the kids at the mall" as if they are a consolidated trade union with the united goal of making life miserable for normal people. Whether we blame the selfish baby boomers or the irresponsible youth, everyone thinks the world is spinning out of control. But what is the reality?

Here are some of the key arguments when weighing Louis Armstrong's "What a wonderful world" against the Wicked Witch of the West's "Oh what a world!"

Resolved — the world is getting better

Pro:

*The intertwined world economy means it's rare for two countries with McDonald's to go to war, most likely because people are too winded to lift their weapons and too big to wedge themselves into their tank holes.

* Thanks to the miracle of the Internet, literally anyone with a minor rash can spend a few minutes online and confidently diagnose themselves with cancer.

* Game of Thrones is so awesome right now.

* Previously intractable problems such as extreme poverty can now be solved with a clever hashtag.

* The world is united as never before thanks to its shared hatred of Kim and Kanye.

Con:

* While countries with McDonald's rarely fight each other, hundreds of thousands have died in the Denny's Wars.

* "Statisticians" will try to tell you that life expectancy is getting higher, but did you know that every single person on Earth is closer to death today than they were yesterday?

* YouTube comments.

* The government knows everything about me, including my PIN, my taste for online rap battles, and that when I'm in a rush I use Head & Shoulders as impromptu bodywash, despite the anatomical specificity of its name.

* Genetically modified strawberries are watery and flavourless.

Five arguments for and five against, so you can see why I haven't yet reached a conclusion. My gut feeling is that the world is better than it's ever been, but that climate change is a sizable wild card that could drastically increase violent weather, destroy the world's agriculture and sink entire cities. Darn kids.

ZOOM

Made of spur parts

Black Hawk is a scrap-iron sculpture of a life-size plow horse pulling a single bottom plow, made by 43-year-old artist John Lopez, based in Lemmon, S.D. JOHN LOPEZ/REX FEATURES

South Dakota

Artist turns metal into animals

The heavy beasts look like they're up for a scrap — scrap metal, that is. These sculptures are the work of artist John Lopez, who welds the pieces from abandoned farm machinery. Based in Lemmon, S.D., the 43-year-old has created full-size replicas of animals such as a horse, buffalo and even a triceratops dinosaur. MWN

Artist's viewpoint

"I moved to my uncle's ranch to make a family cemetery. But after finishing a perimeter fence I ran out of material and, being 35 miles from the nearest town, had to search for usable scrap iron on site. It led on to working with the metal as art material."

John Lopez, scrap-metal artist

Favorite weld-work

'The plow horse is a part of our past'

Out of all the critters welded, the scrap-iron plow horse named Black Hawk is Lopez's most prized creation. "The plow horse is a symbol worldwide that we all understand to be a part of our past and history. We depended on them so much before modern machinery was invented," the artist says. "I think Black Hawk is the one I am most proud of." MWN

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They're happy tears

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Listen. This is a crucial warning.

This video of Mr. G, a very sad and lonely goat being reunited with his best pal, Jellybean the burro, is a festival of tears. Not lock-yourself-indoors-with-Enya-songs-and-a-tub-of-ice-cream tears, mind you. More the redemptive kind.

So as long as you're OK with being a little tear-streaked — or at least misty — in public, then by all means, go right ahead.

One last warning: Mute the sound if you don't like terrible music. (AnimalPlace/YouTube)

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Young actors invite us to join them in Never Never Land

Peter Pan. Adaptation of classic tale is a challenge, but also lots of fun for teen troupe

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Members of the Kinsmen Young Company pose during a rehearsal for their upcoming production of Peter Pan at Persephone Theatre. SIMON HIATT/METRO

The classic story Peter Pan deals with the idea of perpetual playing, avoiding adult concerns and remaining forever young.

In other words, possibly the perfect training ground for young people looking to get into acting.

"It's really fun and childlike, it feels like we are playing, doing this whimsical play," said 15-year-old Sidney Shacter, one of the stars of Persephone Theatre's Kinsmen Young Company's upcoming production.

As approached by the group, that sense of playfulness within the play is even more exaggerated than usual.

The adaptation follows a group of youngsters who discover props and costumes, leading them to decide to stage Peter Pan.

And to make it even more challenging for the actors, the traditional characters including Peter, Wendy and Captain Hook are played by different members of the company as the story progresses.

"It was difficult at first; making choices for all the characters and making sure the choices that each individual actor made were the same for each character so they're recognizable.

"But as we've gone through the process it's gotten better and more clear," said 18-year-old Braden Butler.

"Iconic characters like Peter and Wendy are easier to recognize, but the smaller roles like the many Lost Boys, we have to work through and make sure that each person knows which Lost Boy is which and what we're doing with them, so it's required a lot of meetings and planning," added Shacter.

If this sounds like a lot for young actors to take on, that's the idea.

The Young Company was designed to take aspiring thespians, aged 14 to 19 and put them through intensive training which culminates in a show on Persephone's main stage.

"We took the opportunity to take some risks that a professional production probably wouldn't be able to do.

"Because they are students and you do want to instil in them that sense of diving in there, which will serve them the rest of their careers if they do pursue theatre, it's a good place to start where the risk is minimal to their careers," said co-director Joshua Beaudry.

The company has also used their creativity to get around some of the logistical challenges when it comes to some of the more fantastical elements of the script.

"We took the difficulties that are part of the nature of the script and turned them into funny or comic moments throughout the show, because we don't have the capabilities to fly people. So we have to find ways around that which are enjoyable for the audience," Butler said.

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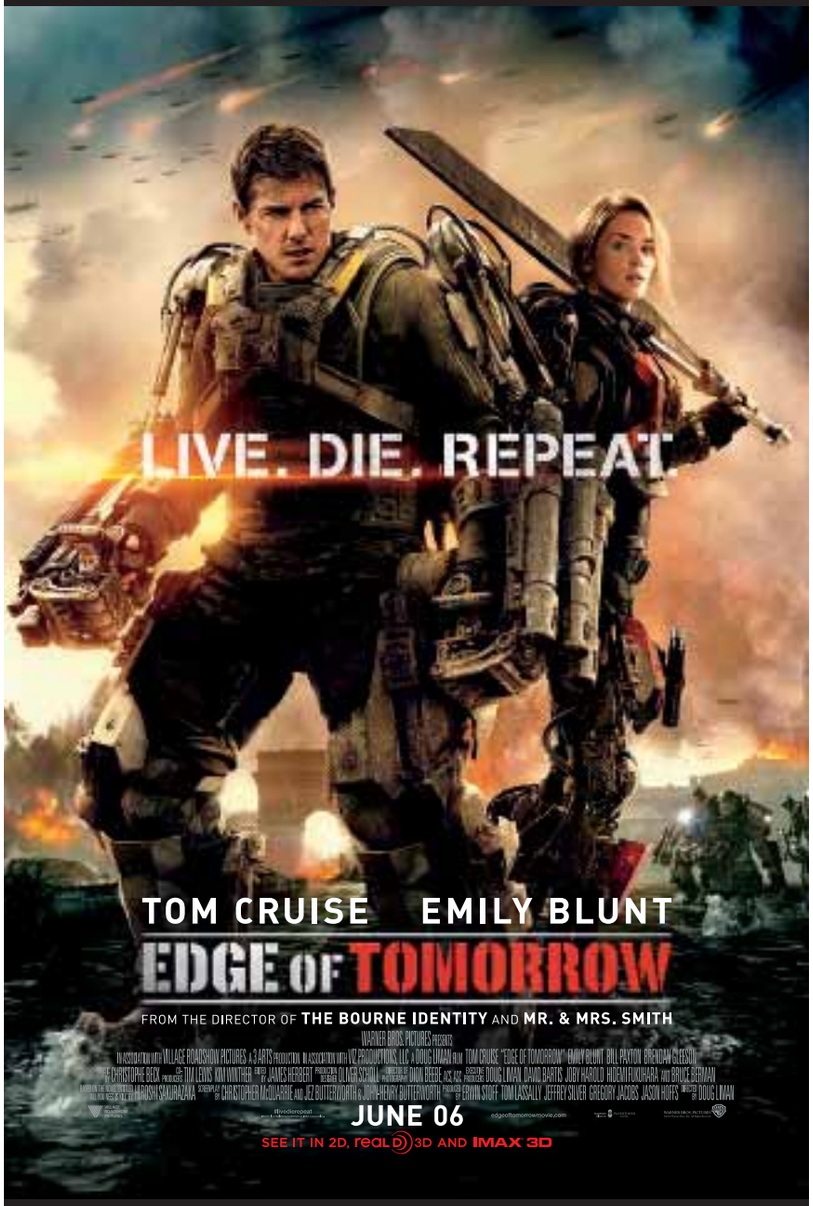
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Charlize Theron

Charlize still loving the single life at 38 years old

Charlize Theron has never been married and she couldn't be happier about it. "I'm sure some people would be like, 'I would never want to have that life.' I'm sure there's a lot of aspects to my life that a lot of people wouldn't want. Like the fact that I'm single at 38. That's not necessarily what a lot of women want," she tells Esquire U.K. "But I'm just saying, a life is good if it's the life that you want. I am living my life in a way that if tomorrow it ended — and I hope not, because I have a kid — but if it did, this was the life that I really wanted to live. But I work at that, you know?"

Miley Cyrus ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Miley vetoes family reality show

Oh, how the tables have turned. While Miley Cyrus got her start in entertainment thanks to the guidance of dad Billy Ray Cyrus, it now looks like she's advising him on his career decisions. "Billy Ray has turned down what must be his sixth reality show offer in the last four years because Miley has been very strict with her parents about not doing them, even though they have been offered a fortune by all the big players, including Bravo, Lifetime and E!, to open up their home to cameras," a source tells Radar Online. Apparently the offers were getting lucrative enough to be very, very tempting, the source says. "But ultimately she was very thankful they came to an understanding that it would be a bad idea."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Uh oh! Video surfaces of 1D's Zayn and Louis smoking pot

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Ah, a squeaky clean pop group's first big scandal. Someone put this in the photo album: Video surfaced this week of One Direction stars Louis Tomlinson and Zayn Malik smoking a joint in a van.

The Daily Mail has the full video. Louis, who's also the cameraman, says that the group are on their way out of Peru. Marijuana is not particularly legal in Peru, although possession of under eight ounces is decriminalized, and Louis makes clear that he knows what they're doing is not exactly kosher. While filming their police motorcycle escort, Louis jokes, "He's having a look. He's thinking, 'I'm sure I can smell an illegal substance in there,' and he's hit the nail on the head."

Zayn, on the other hand, is a less chatty stoner. He doesn't say much, just smokes, and beams, and chants "Mary J. Blige" in falsetto.

So world, are we going to be shocked by this? I know it's illegal and all, but at this point it's barely illegal most places. I think I'd be more shocked if two teenish dudes weren't smoking pot than if they were. Plus, they just seem so very proud to be Big Boys Doing Drugs that it's a little hard to stay mad at their cute little faces. I imagine those same faces have gotten them out of every scrape they've ever been in. OK, now I'm getting mad again.

Charlie Sheen kicks Denise Richards out of her home

Denise Richards and her children are apparently on the hunt for new digs after ex-husband Charlie Sheen reportedly kicked them out of the house in which they'd been living and sold it to a friend, according to the National Enquirer. Sheen initially purchased the home for Richards, but his lawyers "have been working with Denise on vacating the premises," a source says. "Charlie has wanted Denise out of the gated community — where he also lives — for months, and his porn star fiancée, Brett Rossi, has been pushing for it, too." Sheen and Richards have been clashing lately over child support and how much time Sheen can spend with the children they share.

Denise Richards

Spring, how I love hue so

We've got you covered this season in the brightest and boldest the rainbow has to offer, as oranges and blues tie for first place as fashion's dominant tones for the warmer weather

ELIZABETH BEDDALL
Metro World News

Orange is the new everything

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GUESS CORAL SMOCK, $29.50, GUESS.CA

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Blue is the coolest colour

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AVIVA CHANDELIER EARRINGS, $54, STELLADOT.COM

H&M SKIRT, $69.95, HM.COM/CA

GUESS CROP TANK, $34.50, GUESS.CA

Orange you glad you've got the blues?

Want to combine this summer's two hottest hues in one sun-savvy item? Try these shades from the Etnia Barcelona Wild Love in Africa Collection. $299, etniabarcelona.com

The boys are back in tropicals

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BANANA REPUBLIC SHORTS, $74, BANANAREPUBLIC.CA

H&M SHORTS, $34.95, HM.COM/CA

Generation excellent

A very Coupland collection

Douglas Coupland and Roots have teamed up for a new capsule collection of clothes inspired by the author, artist and Canadian cultural icon. Released this week, the collection includes men's and women's tops, a scarf and a leather belt. Inspiration came from Coupland's visual work and coincides with his Vancouver Art Gallery exhibition Douglas Coupland: everywhere is anywhere and anything is everything. For more information on the collection, visit canada.roots.com.
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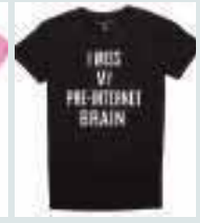

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LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT, $58

Trends Report

If you enjoy being out in the sun, then you better be educated about sun protection. You've probably used SPF creams and sprays, but there's a new product on the market. Go online to Trends Report to learn about a U.S. company that claims it is has invented the world's first drinkable sunscreen.

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Outdoor rugs more stylish than ever

The outdoor floor. Weave a summer spell with colourful runners and natural grass rugs

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An outdoor rug can offer more than just comfort underfoot. It can also lighten, brighten and freshen up a dull outdoor space. Fashioned after indoor styles, an outdoor rug can help make your adjoining outdoor space's decor reflect your indoor style — a great way to extend the feeling of your home during warm weather months.

Size: Choose a size of rug that helps to define a sitting area. As in choosing an area rug for the inside of your home, make sure the front legs of your patio furnishings sit on the rug. This will create the perimeter of your outdoor room no matter how large your outdoor space.

Juice up the patio with a shot of orange for the summer months. Miami Lattice Outdoor Rug, 5 x 8 ft., $69, UrbanBarn.com. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Shape: On a small or squared-shaped deck, consider using a round rug to add a soft line to the outdoor seating space. Consider runner-length carpets for long skinny balconies or a series of square rugs to help define various small areas on the balcony.

Colour: A fashionably coloured rug will help to add personality and create a focal point in a space without a view or other focus.

Neutral and less colourful rugs are perfect to tie a seating plan together without taking away from colourful furnishings.

Materials: Most outdoor rugs are made of synthetic fibres like olefin or polyester and plastic. There are also natural grass weave rugs. These are most suited for covered areas such as balconies or porches.

Although made for outdoors, never dismiss the idea of using an outdoor rug inside your home if you need a durable and affordable carpet. Children's rooms, arts and crafts areas and busy entryways are just a few areas that would fare well with an attractive yet durable carpet.

If planning a special dinner party outside, why not bring your inside rug out and use it for the night? Remembering to bring it inside at the end of the party is most likely the hardest part.

Floor 'em with groovy Union Jack design

Keep calm and confuse your house guests about where they are. Fun and bold Union Jack Outdoor Jockey Red 96 x 120 in. rug, $471, HomeDepot.ca.

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Water ionizer greener solution for pond lovers

DIY. Eco-friendly solution keeps pond life sparkling clean

Nothing adds a perfect touch of summer to a patio or garden quite like the soothing look and sound of a backyard pond. But as most pond owners know, it's a season-long struggle to keep the water looking clean and sparkling, instead of cloudy and sickly. The easy, non-chemical solution to pond preservation is a water ionizer, which uses natural minerals to keep a water scene clean, green, and perfect for pet fish.

How to install

The eco-friendly apparatus is a small but worthwhile investment. It comes together with a few easy-to-install parts: A flow chamber, a copper probe, and a control panel. The flow chamber will be connected to the pond's water circulation pump and the copper probe in order to create a low-voltage electrical current. The current creates copper ions, which are then dispersed throughout the pond water and reduce the build-up of algae. The control panel can be used to set the amount of copper ions being produced, depending on the size of the pond.

Make your koi jump for joy: Use a water ionizer to maintain naturally healthy backyard aquaculture. ISTOCK

Creating a balance

While the water ionizer prevents the build-up of algae, using it too aggressively may kill the good bacteria, which are essential for the plants and animals in the pond. Making sure that the right amount of copper ions are being deposited can be done by testing the pH level in the pond (it should be between 7.2 and 7.6). Small, occasional use of household cleaners such as bleach may also be used to speed up the effects of the water ionizer without harming wildlife. Chlorine is not recommended, since it may stain the lining of the pond.

Litmus test

7.2-7.6

The ideal pH level for a pond.

More backyard solutions

For more backyard solutions, tune in to Yard Crashers, Wednesdays at 10 p.m. ET/PT on DIY Network Canada.

Keep it clean

The copper probes for the water ionizer should also be checked on a monthly basis to make sure that they're clean and working properly. Depending on how big or crowded the pond is, they may have to be replaced part-way through the season. Remember that regular maintenance is still very important. Be sure to keep the pump and filter clean, and occasionally vacuum the floor of the pond in order to keep it glistening and healthy!

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HEALTH-CARE CAREERS

Thursday, May 29, 2014

A physiotherapist works with patients who have limited mobility due to pain, injury or disease. Careers in physiotherapy are expected to be in high demand in coming years. SHUTTERSTOCK

Prescription: Fill these positions

PAULINE ANDERSON
For Metro

Next to the oil industry, the health-care field is probably the biggest growth area in terms of future job prospects across Canada.

As the population ages and retires, the demand for skilled health-care professionals will steadily increase, experts predict. Health-care-related positions consistently lead the list of top jobs across the country compiled regularly by Canadian Business magazine using Statistics Canada data.

Here are some of the health professions projected to be in greatest demand in coming years:

Registered nurses: Of all the medical professions likely to be sought after in the future, nursing could be at the top of the list. A 2009 report by the Canadian Nurses Association predicted that if action isn't taken right away, the shortage of registered nurses, who perform all manner of hands-on bedside health care, will climb to almost 60,000 by 2022.

Dental hygienist: These professionals clean and scale teeth, take X-rays, provide fluoride treatments and oral hygiene information to patients, as well as assist dentists during procedures.

Radiation technologist: Demand for these technologists, especially those with more advanced diagnostics and medical imaging skills, will increase as use of technology in the field of medicine soars. They operate X-ray, radiographic, fluoroscopic and radiation detection equipment.

Respiratory therapist: These medical professionals diagnose and treat airway-related health issues.

Physiotherapist: A physiotherapist works with patients who have limited mobility due to pain, injury or disease. Increasingly, they handle more complicated cases involving the cardiovascular or respiratory systems.

Initiatives to limit nursing shortage

- Experts are looking for ways to limit the growing nursing shortage across Canada. The 2009 Canadian Nurses Association report outlined various short- and long-term policy scenarios to help eradicate this shortage. Proposed initiatives, which include hiring support staff to take on non-nursing tasks, and employing a team-based collaborative approach to care, would cut the shortage almost in half within 15 years, according to the association.

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A personal approach

Radiologists. Integral part of the health-care team that studies, diagnoses and treats

JANE DOUCET
For Metro

Diagnostic radiology uses body-imaging techniques to study, diagnosis and treat diseases and other health conditions. According to the Canadian Medical Association, there are more than 2,300 diagnostic radiologists practising in Canada.

Dr. Jacques Lévesque, the president of the Canadian Association of Radiologists, graduated in diagnostic radiology from McGill University in 1981, then worked as an interventional radiologist in Quebec City and Ste-Foy, Que.

From 1998 to 2004, he was chief of the radiology department at the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Québec.

Today, Lévesque is a clinical professor of radiology at the Université of Laval and the medical director of the Clinique radiologique de la Capitale in Quebec City. The biggest change he has seen during his 33-year career has been the technological advances in the imaging equipment used to detect things like tumours, cysts, broken bones, blocked arteries and pneumonia.

The enhancements to X-rays, mammograms, ultrasounds, CT, MRI and other imaging equipment has meant that radiologists are better able to make an accurate diagnosis at an earlier stage of the disease or condition.

Another change is that radiologists have more direct contact with patients.

"The radiologist is an integral part of the team overseeing patients," he said. "I think patients appreciate it when their radiologist speaks to them directly."

Lévesque finds radiology interesting because it covers all parts of the body. He also likes working with patients' family physicians and specialists.

But he especially enjoys what he calls "personalized medicine," when he and his patients get to know each other. "The more personal approach you take with patients the more you get back from them."

Due to technological advancements, radiologists are better able to make an accurate diagnosis. SHUTTERSTOCK

Schooling and training

- After graduating from medical school, it takes another five years of residency training to become certified in diagnostic radiology. The residency may be followed by one or more years of fellowship subspecialty training.

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Demand for new, emerging careers

PETER DOYLE
For Metro

Many Canadians are considering careers in health care, as more analysts predict that the sector will continue to generate a wealth of jobs over the next 25 years.

Feeding the trend is a constellation of factors, including an aging population, the growing number of effective therapies and diagnostic tools, and increased public awareness of what it takes to remain healthy. Given these realities, it should come as no surprise that Canadian Business magazine's list of the top 10 jobs by demand by 2020 includes three in the health-care sector.

Along with traditional jobs such as registered nurse and dental hygienist, demand is also expected to remain strong for new and emerging careers, such as dietician, care co-ordinator and health-policy specialist. As provinces scramble to meet rising costs, many are assigning work once done exclusively by doctors to nurses, nurse practitioners and medical technologists. Navigating these shifting sands is a challenge not only for someone building a career, but also for those who prepare people to enter the workforce.

Along with traditional jobs such as registered nurse and dental hygienist, demand is also expected to remain strong for new and emerging careers in the health-care field. SHUTTERSTOCK

"With the increased volatility of the job market, it's challenging for universities and colleges to design programming," said David Rodas-Wright, the University of Ottawa's employer relations co-ordinator.

A former recruitment specialist in the legal sector, Rodas-Wright has spent 10 years working with employers to ensure that University of Ottawa graduates can access successful careers. He believes success depends largely on how much effort a person invests in learning about particular sectors and jobs.

"Job trends come and go," Rodas-Wright said. "And there's no sense chasing them when you make a multi-year commitment to a university or college program. I encourage people to learn as much as possible about what's out there. Attend job fairs, ask lots of questions, take advantage of co-op and volunteer opportunities. Find out what people actually do and what appeals to you. You have to build your own career."

Analysts are predicting that the health-care sector will generate a wealth of jobs over the next 25 years. SHUTTERSTOCK

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Al fresco gets into a vegan state of mind

Cookbook of the Week

For barbecues, backyards and beaches

There is something about eating outside, so it's no surprise that al fresco dining is becoming popular.

In Vegan al fresco, Carla Kelly prepares elegant vegan dishes for outdoor dining. The book includes prep and cooking times, advice on portability, and menu suggestions for special occasions.

Split into sections such as Sandwiches and Spreads, On the Grill, and Ready Built Salads, it includes recipes for Samosa Spring Rolls, Creamy Macaroni Salad, Chickpea Sausages, Hazelnut Latte Cupcakes and more. METRO

Grilled Eggplant Sandwiches. Try a filling that's just as satisfying at meat

"Simple yet full of wonderful texture and flavour, these sandwiches can be prepared ahead of time and taken with you if there are no cooking facilities at your picnic spot," writes Carla Kelly in her book Vegan al fresco. "However, if you can grill on location, bring the marinated eggplant in containers and put sandwiches together using eggplant strips hot off the grill."

1. In a large flat container with a resealable lid or in a large zip-close bag, combine all marinade ingredients.

2. Cut eggplant in half lengthwise, then into 16 1/4-inch (6-mm) wide strips. Place eggplant slices in bag with marinade and toss to coat. Marinate for at least 1 hour (longer is better). Turn after 30 minutes.

3. In a small bowl, combine chive butter ingredients. Cover and chill until required.

4. Preheat barbecue to high (or broiler, if using oven) and grill eggplant slices for 20 minutes, turning as required until both sides are golden and a little caramelized. While grilling, split rolls lengthwise and lightly toast if desired.

5. Spread rolls with chive butter. Place tomato slices, greens, and red onions on 1 side of each sandwich. Top each with 4 slices of grilled eggplant.

RECIPES FROM VEGAN AL FRESCO: HAPPY & HEALTHY RECIPES FOR PICNICS, BARBECUES & OUTDOOR DINING BY CARLA KELLY (ARSENAL PULP PRESS, 2014)

Ingredients

- 1 medium eggplant, , about 1 lb (500 g)

Marinade

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) white wine
- 2 tbsp white balsamic vinegar or vegetable stock
- 2 tsp toasted cumin seeds
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp dried tarragon
- 1/4 –1/2 tsp chili flakes
- salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Chive Butter

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) finely chopped fresh chives
- 2 tbsp finely chopped shallots
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) vegan margarine

To Assemble

- 4 long baguette-style rolls
- 2 fresh ripe tomatoes, sliced
- 2 cups baby spinach

COOKING TIME 20 MINUTES

This recipe serves four. TRACEY KUSIEWICZ/FOODIE PHOTOGRAPHY.

This recipe serves four people. TRACEY KUSIEWICZ/FOODIE PHOTOGRAPHY

Mojito-Inspired Tofu

1. In a large flat container with a resealable lid or in a large zip-close bag, combine juice, rum, mint, agave, oil, garlic, lime zest, and salt. Add tofu and marinate in refrigerator for at least 1 hour, turning after 30 minutes.

2. Preheat barbecue to medium heat. Lay down a sheet of aluminum foil lightly brushed with oil. Grill for 3–4 minutes each side until golden, basting frequently with leftover marinade.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) + 2 tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) light rum
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) finely chopped fresh mint
- 1 1/2 tbsp agave
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tsp lime zest
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 lb (500 g) extra-firm regular tofu (water-packed), drained and pressed, sliced widthwise into 12 rectangles

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Before you order, make sure the restaurant is serving ocean-friendly fish or sushi. This often-updated guide from the Monterey Bay Aquarium lists the status and farming practices for popular species.

Aaron Hernandez

Spilled drink led to 2012 murders: Prosecutors

Prosecutors say former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez gunned down two men in their car in 2012 after one of them accidentally bumped into him at a Boston nightclub, spilling a drink.

Hernandez pleaded not guilty in Suffolk Superior Court Wednesday afternoon in the shooting deaths of Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado. A third man was wounded.

Prosecutors say Hernandez became agitated and told a friend that de Abreu had deliberately bumped him. Prosecutors say Hernandez later tracked down de Abreu and his friends and opened fire on their car from an SUV.

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NBA playoffs

Pacers hold off Heat to avoid playoff exit

Paul George scored 31 of his 37 points in the second half Wednesday night and almost single-handedly kept the Indiana Pacers alive in the Eastern Conference finals with a 93-90 victory over the Miami Heat.

The Pacers still trail 3-2 in the best-of-seven series. Game 6 will be played Friday night in Miami.

It took a frantic effort just to extend the series, even with the foul-plagued LeBron James held to just seven points in 23 minutes. Chris Bosh missed a go-ahead 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

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Canadiens' Bourque reborn in playoffs

NHL playoffs. Montreal forward has 8 goals in playoffs after scoring only 9 in regular season

The Canadiens' Rene Bourque celebrates with teammate P.K. Subban after scoring his third goal of the game against the New York Rangers in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final Tuesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

There was a running joke during the NHL regular season about how Rene Bourque would almost score, or almost complete a pass, or almost make a hit.

Not a lot went beyond the "almost" stage for Bourque as the former two-time 27-goal scorer with the Calgary Flames finished 13th in team scoring on the Montreal Canadiens with nine goals and seven assists in 63 games.

But in the playoffs, Bourque has arrived.

The left-winger's hat trick in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final helped Montreal stave off elimination with a 7-4 victory over the Rangers and gave them new life heading into New York for another win-or-go-home matchup in Game 6 on Thursday night.

The Rangers lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 and must win at home to avoid a return to the hyper-energized Bell Centre for Game 7 on Saturday night.

"At the end of the regular season, we saw Rene engaged in the game a lot more, moving his feet, being physical, going hard to the net," coach Michel Therrien said Wednesday. "He's doing a lot of good things.

"You can't expect a player to score three goals every night or even score every game. But even when he doesn't score, he's playing solid hockey. He's getting involved physically. And last night, for me, it was leadership. It was a huge game for us. He came up big, and that's good not only for him, but for us."

In 16 playoff games, Bourque has eight goals and three assists, and has become one of the team's most effective forwards in a duo that was put together near the end of the regular season with centre Lars Eller.

In the post-season, he's tied with Max Pacioretty for third in team scoring behind defenceman P.K. Subban with 14 points and Eller with 13. He leads the team in the Rangers series with four goals and two assists.

And he was tied for second in NHL playoff goals with Jonathan Toews and Jeff Carter, behind Los Angeles King Marian Gaborik, who had 10.

"It was definitely a good game for me to step up and help the team," the 32-year-old Bourque said after his first career playoff hat trick.

Bourque's regular season was so bad he was made a healthy scratch for the first time in his career for five games in March, amid reports the Canadiens were trying to trade him and a contact worth $3.3 million per year.

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Suspended

The Rangers will be without defenceman John Moore for at least the remainder of the series. He was suspended for two games Wednesday after receiving a match penalty Tuesday night for a hit to Montreal forward Dale Weise's head.

Bombers' Willy not deterred by strike talk

If a labour dispute does derail the start of the CFL season, new Winnipeg Blue Bombers quarterback Drew Willy says he's "100 per cent behind the players" and knows just what to do.

He was with the New York Jets in 2011 when the NFL locked out their players after they failed to agree on a new contract. Willy went un-drafted but was given a look by four NFL teams.

"If there was something to happen, I'd make sure we were getting the guys together in Winnipeg ... getting our work in, obviously not in the building but somewhere around Winnipeg," he said Wednesday as the Blue Bombers' rookie camp got under way.

That's what quarterback Mark Sanchez did with the Jets during the NFL lockout in 2011.

"Whoever's in the area, we'll make sure we get all the leaders, a lot of guys that are in the area."

Not that Willy, 27, is looking forward to running a makeshift camp as he prepares to take the field for the first time as a starting QB in the CFL, after spending two seasons as a backup in Saskatchewan.

"Being a first-time starter, I need all the reps I can get but also I understand it is a business and I back the players," he said.

Things still remained very much up in the air Wednesday as the clock ticked down and talks resumed. The collective bargaining agreement between the league and the players ends Thursday at 10 p.m. and a possible strike looms before the start of main camp Sunday.

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Bombers QB Drew Willy speaks to media at the opening of rookie camp at Investors Group Field in Winnipeg on Wednesday. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadians smashing French Open

Tennis. Raonic, Bouchard advance to third round of tournament

Milos Raonic bounced back from a troublesome first match and Eugenie Bouchard overcame a worrying first set as Canada's top singles tennis players drew on mental toughness to advance to the third round of the French Open.

Bouchard managed a 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 come-from-behind win over German Julia Goerges on Wednesday, while eighth-seeded Raonic beat Czech Jiri Vesely 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-1 to reach the third round for a third consecutive year.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., came back from a break down in the first set and won the hour-long opener in a tie-break before taking control of the match.

Raonic said he is noticing signs of improvement on court after struggling somewhat in his opening match, a 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 win over Australian qualifier Nick Kyrgios.

"I feel like I'm playing better today than I did three days ago, I think I dealt a little bit better with when I got things figured out as far as intensity," he said.

Raonic's third-round opponent is 29th seed Gilles Simon of France, who will have a partisan crowd behind him.

"It's going to be tough," Raonic said.

Raonic and Simon have only faced each other once before, with Raonic winning on clay at the 2011 Estoril Open in Portugal.

Bouchard struggled in the first set before rallying to join Raonic in the third round.

"I wasn't worried after the first, I just took my time," said Bouchard. "I just really tried to forget about that I lost the first set and just start fresh. That's what I did for the second and third."

The 18th seed from Montreal will play Swede Johanna Larsson, who upset 12th-seeded Italian Flavia Pennetta 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Bouchard said she stayed mentally strong.

"I have confidence that no matter what happens on the court, I can fight and still give my best and give myself the best chance to win," she said.

Bouchard broke the 107th-ranked Goerges to end the match, taking the victory with 21 winners and conversions on six of 13 break points.

Bouchard broke twice in the second set and began the third with another break of the German as she raced to a 5-0 lead. But she lost serve in the next game after a forehand error.

She immediately recovered a game later, breaking Goerges back and advancing on her first match point.

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Milos Raonic gets fired up during his second-round win at the French Open on Wednesday in Paris.
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"It was definitely more of a mental win today to get my game back in the right place."

Eugenie Bouchard, two-time French Open participant, on her victory after overcoming a weak start against Julia Goerges

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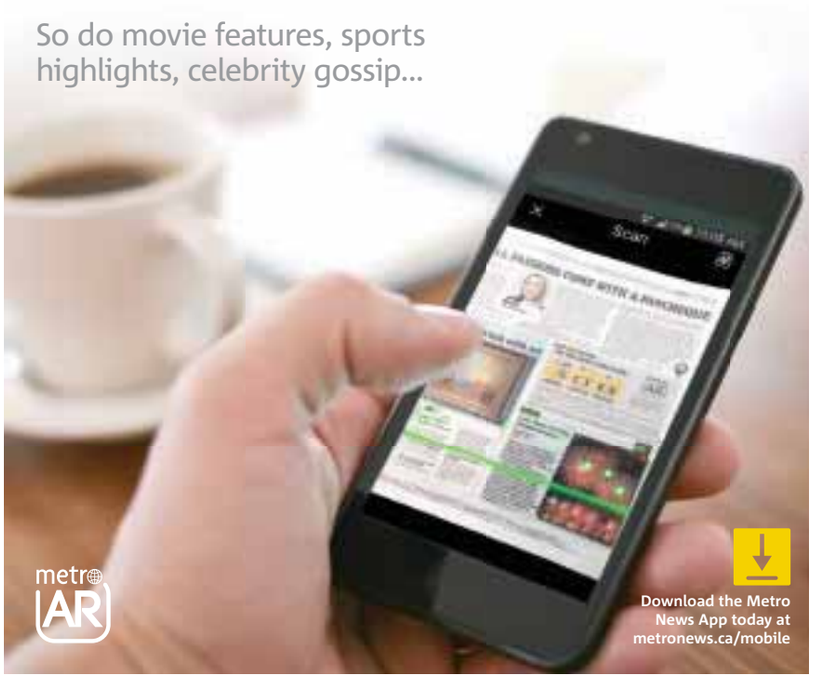

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World Cup

Host Brazil faces doubters

Brazil's Deputy Sports Minister Luis Fernandes said Wednesday that Brazil would organize a successful World Cup despite what he called "prejudice" against so-called developing countries as they try to organize mega-sports events.

"We are confident that Brazil will surprise the world with a successful event in the World Cup," Fernandes said, speaking Wednesday with reporters in a teleconference.

Brazil's preparations of the World Cup, which opens June 12 in Sao Paulo, have been characterized by delays building or remodeling 12 stadiums, unfinished upgrades to airports and transportation, and criticism the $11.5 billion being spent should have been used to improve the country's poor schools and rundown hospitals.

"There is absolutely no contradiction between a developing country hosting a major event such as the World Cup or the Olympic Games, and increasing investment in education and in other public areas," said Fernandes.

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Physical physics.

'World's smartest man' shares World Cup tips

Stephen Hawking has turned his brilliant mind toward perhaps his toughest challenge yet — helping England win the World Cup.

Britain's most famous scientist, known for his theories on physics and the universe, has been commissioned by a betting company to analyze data from every World Cup England has qualified for since winning the tournament in 1966 in the hopes of coming up with a winning formula.

Hawking used his science to produce two formulas. The first one, taking into account a host of variables, describes the probability of England winning a match while the other addresses the country's penalty chances.

"Ever since the dawn of civilization, people have not been content to see events as unconnected and inexplicable," Hawking told a press conference in London. "They have craved an understanding of the underlying order in the world. The World Cup is no different."

Hawking, who is known for his sense of humour, then said he found it more difficult to make sense of soccer than explain the mysteries of the universe.

"It is hugely complicated," he said. "In fact, compared to football I think quantum physics is relatively straightforward."

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Hawking's tips:

Quantum physicist Stephen Hawking analyzed data from every World Cup England has played since 1966, looking for ways to improve England's chances in Brazil this summer. His recipe:

- Cool temperatures
- Low altitude
- 4-3-3 lineup
- Wear red kit
- Kick off at 3:00 local time
- Penalty kicks by the side-foot after at least three steps' run-up

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you lose interest in what you are doing today it's a sign you are doing the wrong thing. A change of scene will help but in the long-term you may have to change your lifetime ambitions.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You need to show your vulnerable side. Too often you give the impression that nothing can bring you down when, in reality, you are as sensitive as everyone else.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may be a bit touchy over the next 24 hours. With your ruler Mercury moving into sensitive Cancer if there is anything worrying you it is sure to show up. Don't try to avoid it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Social activities are under excellent stars today and the best way relax is to seek out people who think and act is similar ways to you. Looking for love? Find it with someone who shares your cultural interests.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Your confidence will get a boost today and you will be a lot more relaxed about your social and professional status. One door may have closed to you but within a matter of days, another door will open.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Money may be important to you but it must not be allowed to come ahead of more important things such as love and laughter. Don't think about what you own and earn, think about what motivates you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If there has been a dispute, now is the time to patch things up. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to business issues. There's always a solution.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your creative powers will be at their height over the next 24 hours, so make good use of them. Also, take your pleasures where you find them and don't listen to those who say you should be more cautious.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have tasks to complete but now is not the time to get busy on them. As Venus, planet of harmony, moves into the wellbeing area of your chart today your best course of action is to take life easy.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something you found difficult before will come easier to you today. You may still have to struggle in other areas but the planets will generally give your spirits a lift and help you believe that most things are possible.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Sometimes you get so caught up in making a living that you forget there are people who love you so much they don't care what you achieve. One such person will delight you.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't worry that others might think less of you if you ease off. Worry only that if you don't take better care of yourself you might come to harm. The planets urge you to take things at a slower pace. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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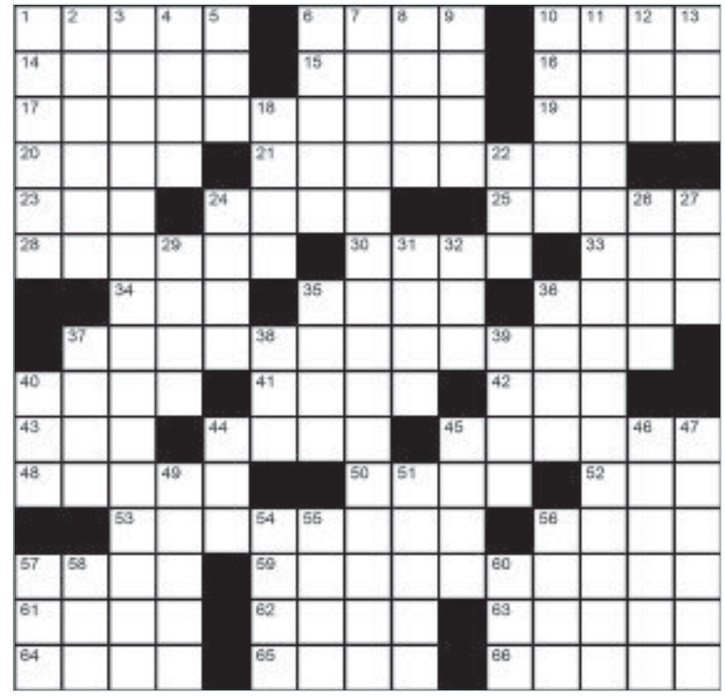
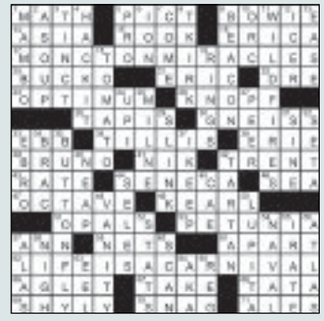


Across
1. Jubilant, poetry-style
6. Cole Porter's "Miss __ Regrets"
10. Lemony
14. Prepares potatoes
15. Stethoscope sound
16. Ms. Sanders
17. Canada's 'Big Five' gig: 2 wds.
19. Rob Roy, for one
20. Alberta town
21. Canadian cartoon series, "My __ Is Evil"
23. Bond
24. Manage
25. DQ's 'D'
28. Feels
30. Dry: Spanish
33. '_' __ in Victoria
34. Spoil
35. "The Simpsons" bus driver
36. Slammer
37. Toronto-born singer/songwriter who has rocked with Legendary Hearts: 2 wds.
40. Funny lady Imogene
41. God: Latin
42. "Unbelievable" hitmakers
43. "Entourage" superagent
44. Espionage: Mata __
45. Hurriedly depart again, say
48. Mountain chain
50. Dianetics guru, _. __ Hubbard
52. Poetic preposition
53. Prepped the sewing needle
56. "Top _' __ mornin' to you!"
57. Music's Ma
59. CTV series "Motive", for example: 2 wds.
61. "Lend me your __ and I'll sing..." - The Beatles
62. Knee, medical-style
63. Try to unearth: 2 wds.
64. Proofreading term
65. Slumps
66. Heavens

Down
1. Friary figures
2. Net minder
3. St. Lawrence, Newfoundland born journalist/writer: 2 wds.
4. Bugling beasts
5. 'Earn' ender (Sincere)
6. Low ship deck
7. First Canadian Place in Toronto is Canada's what?: 2 wds.
8. '50s series, "_ __ Three Lives"
9. Feudal worker
10. "Battle of the Blades" champ Ms. Bonhomme
11. Some of the National Film Board's treasures: 2 wds.
12. Copacabana city
13. "Ka-boom!" stuff
18. Me-me-me's
22. Testimony-giver's oath: 2 wds.
24. Particle physics lab near Geneva
26. Staircase support
27. Posh wallet's lettering
29. Hall & Oates' "__ Smile"
31. Quebec 'summers'
32. Scam
35. Terminer's court pal
36. Doorway part
37. Tropical island, when doubled
38. Ms. LeShan
39. Jukebox tune: "__ Angel"
40. Vehicle variety
44. Lady
45. Took the bus
46. Canadian actress who plays Detective Angie Flynn on the show at #59-Across, Kristin __
47. Dog training incentives
49. 1990 movie blockbuster
51. Romulus and __
54. Hosp. heart recordings
55. Locale
56. "I have no money ___ on me." (Stolen-wallet-person's conundrum)
57. Uh-huh
58. Cereal grass
60. Ike's Presidential monogram

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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		7		3	6			
		8	2					

Yesterday's Sudoku

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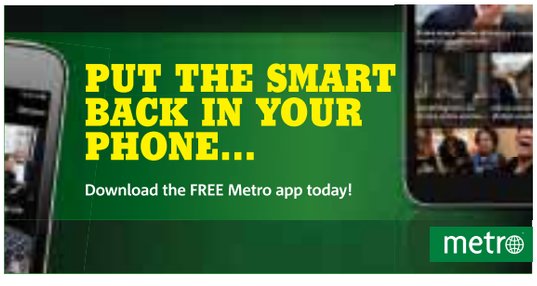

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